



Uniform Policy

St. Begh's Catholic Junior School



Walking hand in hand in the footsteps of Christ.

We are His hands; we are His feet.

Statement of Intent

Our policy has been created with health and safety, value for money, and practicality at its heart. It has been designed to ensure pupils wear clothing conducive to a successful learning environment. It is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging and community through a smart and practical uniform. We believe a uniform allows all pupils, regardless of background, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. Our uniform aims to be **smart, comfortable and affordable**.

Our Uniform

Our school colours are pale blue and burgundy.

- Boys and girls wear pale blue polo shirts (optional school logo), burgundy sweatshirts/hoodies/cardigans (optional school logo) and grey or black trousers/joggers/ leggings/ shorts/ skirts/ pinafore dresses.
- In summer girls can choose a red or **pale blue** checked gingham summer school dress.
- Flat black school shoes or boots. Trainers that are all black in appearance are acceptable.
- For safety reasons and to avoid upset if items get lost, pupils do not wear jewellery except for a watch (with any smart capabilities switched off) and small stud earrings. Earrings need to be covered or removed for PE lessons.
- PE kit is a plain black t-shirt (optional school logo) and plain red or black shorts/ plain black or grey joggers/ plain black or grey leggings with trainers or pumps. Children are asked to come to school in their PE kits on their PE day. There are no colour restrictions for trainers on PE days or on Fridays (which we call Fitness Fridays).
- Leggings, joggers, socks, PE tops and shorts should be without brand or sports team logos. These items are more expensive to buy. When some children wear them, there is pressure on others to want the same, putting unnecessary financial burden on families.
- Comfortable and practical non-uniform is worn on days when children are doing outdoor learning. Children need a pair of wellies that can be kept in school at all times.
- Sun hats/ caps for sunny weather. Children will be required to wear suncream – this should be a long-lasting cream applied at home before the start of the day.



- Coats/jackets are needed most days.
- Those children travelling to school by bike must wear a helmet.

Items with the school logo are available from:

- Haig Embroidery, Unit A19 Haig Enterprise Park, Whitehaven, CA28 9AN.
Tel: 01946 328036. Email: info@haigembroidery.com
- La Chic, 1-2 Market Place, Whitehaven, CA28 7JE. Tel: 01946 66908.

Hairstyles

Pupils with long hair should tie it back for school. This is necessary on PE days.

Make-up

St. Begh's Catholic Junior School does not consider make-up appropriate and pupils are not permitted to wear any products. However, there may be exceptions in extreme circumstances, at the headteacher's discretion (i.e. a pupil may be permitted to cover heavy scarring/skin damage). Clear lipbalms can be used.

Labelling

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name.

Non-compliance

We recognise that family life is busy and there are days when full uniform isn't possible. Children will be lent school jumpers/ cardigans/PE kits on arrival which can be returned at the end of the day.

Children wearing full school uniform are rewarded through our Class Dojo system.

Cost and Availability

St. Begh's Catholic Junior School is committed to fulfilling the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money. Every care has been taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and potential pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

The school does not enter into exclusive single supplier contracts or cash-back arrangements.

The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes into account the views of parents and pupils when considering changes to school uniforms.

Some religions and beliefs require their members to conform to a specific dress code. St. Begh's Catholic Junior School does not discriminate against any religion or belief; however, the school must weigh the needs and rights of individual pupils against the cohesion and health and safety concerns of the entire school community. The school endeavours to allow most religious requirements to be met. Parents' concerns and requests regarding religious clothing are dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the headteacher and governing body and in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.

Equality

The school is required to ensure that the Uniform Policy does not discriminate unlawfully. Every step has been taken by St. Begh's Catholic Junior School to ensure that the cost of girls' and boys' uniforms are not disproportionate. Governors are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility to allow a pupil to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances. Reasonable adjustments may also be requested for those children who have specific special educational needs and / or disabilities, for example, for children who have sensory needs.